

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Besich-Lira called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Mila Besich-Lira
Vice Mayor	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Bruce Armitage
Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
Councilmember	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Vanessa Navarrette
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar – Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Maribel Castro, Superior High School Senior and Student Body President, led everyone in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

**INVOCATION**

Chaplain Van Gorp

**STAFF ATTENDANCE**

Town Manager	Todd Pryor
Town Attorney	Stephen Cooper
Deputy Town Clerk	Nora Miramon
Police Chief	David Neuss
Public Works	Anthony Huerta

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Ken Major	Steve Holmquist
Delores Hatfield	David Guzman
Kat Brown	Louie Rabago
Tom Spridgen	Shawn Lindsay
Jim Schennoa	Hank Gutierrez
Kathy Long	Tina Gutierrez
Bill Vogler	Sue Anderson
Nancy Vogler	Pete Casillas

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Item C was moved up and items A & B were moved down by Mayor Besich-Lira.

C. Recognition for the Eighth-Grade Boys Basketball Team.

Mayor Besich-Lira wanted to recognize the boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team. Mayor called each one up front to be recognized and let them know what a great job they did and everyone is proud of them for the team effort they put in. Here are the names of the players on the roster.

Andrew Martinez	John Munoz
Nathan Duarte	Jalen Oatis
Matthew Perez	Elias Gerola
Marc Mendoza	Matthew Diaz-Gonzalez
Jonathan Apodaca	Joshua Marquez
Adam Navarrette	Coach Ken Major

Coach Major also spoke and thanked the town for allowing him to coach these great group of kids. They showed him what being in a team is all about.

Councilmember Navarrette, stated she was very proud of these boys and has known each one of them since they were just little and they are very good athletes and good students.

A. Presentation by Chamber of Commerce concerning the planned activities for 2017.

Sue Anderson, President of Chamber of Commerce and Pete Casillas, Vice President. Mr. Casillas, what prompted this is we have a lot of the subgroups are asking what is the Chamber of Commerce doing and what we are all about. This is just a over view of what we are doing. Listed the members and the board members. Mission Statement is to promote business the Town. Promote the Chamber businesses throughout the Town of Superior, the Copper Corridor. They hold some major /minor events to generate operating funds and draw people into our town. We also help with cleanup events and host some of these events. Mr. Casillas went thru a power point presentation. She also had a slide show presentation and spoke about getting the relationship between the Chamber and the Town which she has not been on good terms for a while and she is seeing changes as we speak. The Chamber is looking for volunteers the same people are doing the work. Sue went on to state what they are working on and they are looking forward to working with the Town and the Blight program. Free paint program has acquired some exterior paint that will be available to residents at no cost. The only cost will be for the power wash that has to be done prior to painting the resident home. The home must also be occupied by the owner. This is not for property rentals this program is for the owner-occupied home. There is no age or income limit.

B. Special Presentation by Police Department for employee recognition.

Chief Neuss read the recognition letter for Officer Muller and Officer Sosa and presented the two officers with, to this point the "Challenge Coin" for meeting the challenge of being a professional police officer that we all deserve.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor- took this time to recognize Pinal County Attorney, Ken Volkner. He is the newly elected Pinal County Attorney he is trying to get out to the various areas they now represent. The main Purpose of today is to let everyone and the Council know what a great advocate we have in the Mayor.

She didn't pay me nor did she ask me to say this but about six weeks ago we had the Pinal Partnership that takes place about once a month and she was the representative for the Town of Superior. She did a amazing job telling everyone what a great place Superior is. It is important for everyone to know what a great advocate she truly is and what a wonderful job she did presenting what our community has to offer to the residents and to the county and the state. Thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and let everyone know what a great job your Mayor is doing for your town.

Mayor, just an update on the last meeting we talked about the Justice Court Fees, Council will start see that in our next council agenda. We had anticipated doing a letter to Resolution about the rail line they will be formatting that and it will go into a letter a understanding. Councilmember Armitage and Mayor attended Pinal County Board of Supervisors meeting and that was a great meeting. We heard some to their struggles and challenges. One more recognition that came to her, she attended the Arizona Trail annual meeting. Everyone is talking about "you should see what they're doing in Superior, and look what they are doing in Superior" so it is inspiring to the rest of the cities in the Copper Corridor.

Manager, we were about 3 weeks behind on our remodeling at town hall project, but we are moving ahead the electrician is in there today so we are moving ahead. They are going to award the contract for the signs tomorrow that should be starting with in the next month. The highway project is 80% completion according to ADOT. We are working with them to get the water setup for the landscaping part of the project started. The street crew has been working with the new equipment they have been getting with the HURF money.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Pursuant to Section 2-4-6 (D), matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 30, 2016
2. Minutes of Special Meeting on January 12, 2017
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 12, 2017
4. Approval of Proposal from Spray Environmental for the Phase II clean-up of the Transfer Station as required under our consent decree and the plan approved by council. The estimated cost of this expenditure is \$38,690.
5. Blanket Permit – David Montano Memorial Inc. is asking for a Blanket Permit for fundraising for a yearly scholarship for a graduate of Superior High School
6. Blanket Permit – The Superior Police and Fire Chaplain Program is requesting a Blanket Permit for fundraising up to \$2,000 to equip the program
7. Alcohol Beverage Permit – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3584 is asking for an Alcohol Beverage Permit for the Apache Leap Mining Festival
8. Information Item from the Emergency Services Committee concerning Fire and Police Department SWOT Analysis.
9. Information Item from the Emergency Services Committee concerning Fire and Police Risk Assessments.
10. Department Reports
  - Fire
  - Police
  - Public Works

Library  
Senior Center  
Magistrate Court  
Sanitation  
Town Engineer

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of the type-o on page 7 of the minutes from January 12, 2017 mentioned by Councilmember Armitage, made by Councilmember Estatico second by Vice Mayor Alonzo, motion carries.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Discussion/Possible Appointment of Applicants for the Planning and Zoning Commission for the current open position.  
Mayor received a phone call today from Mr. Ketron withdrawing his application for a seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. With that there is only one applicant for that seat and that is Mr. Jessie Garcia at this time.  
**Motion to approve the applicant, Jessie Garcia for the Planning and Zoning Commission was made by Vice Mayor Alonzo, second by Councilmember Lopez, motion carries.**
- B.** Discussion/Possible Approval of the Rental Contract with Superior Fitness and Personal Training or All Bout the Clothing for the rental a town owned building at 350 W. Main Street. The cost of the renovations for the Fitness and Personal Training proposal are estimated to be under \$5,000. The ABC renovations would cost in the range of \$20,000, paid for by the renter, but recouped out of the rent at the rate of \$500 for 40 months. This business will generate some amount of sales tax, estimated in the range of \$400 to \$1000 per month. Councilmember Armitage asked the attorney if there was anything needs to be further discussed? Mr. Cooper stated that the ABC contract is willing to spend thousands of dollars on the building to bring it up to code. They are just asking to get a credit for the dollars they have invested in the towns building. At the end of the contract anything that is affixed to the building will remain with the town and free to rent the building to someone else.  
**Motion to approve a contract with ABC Clothing by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Armitage, motion carries.**
- C.** Discussion/Possible Approval of Vision Statement for inclusion in the Apache Leap Special Management Area Plan. As per council direction, the manager met with the Forestry in order to prepare a Vision Statement. This statement will be included in the final plan, and should reflect the wishes of the council. The Mayor read the Vision Statement and thanked Mr. Pryor, Town Manager for going down to meet with the Forest Department and they were very hospitable to him.  
**Motion to approve the Vision Statement for inclusion in the Apace Leap Special Management Area Plan made by Councilmember Navarrette, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.**

- D.** Discussion/Possible Approval of Contract Update with AZ TechNet LLC for the Town's Information Technology services. This service has been good value, providing a balance between the service that we could afford and what we needed. Going forward, we are bringing the network up to the demands placed upon it, and we are expanding the service we are requesting from Ron. We have added monthly customer service visits to assess the network and make need changes. Ron is currently working with the Fire Department and the Waste Water Treatment Plant to correct their network infrastructure issues and to tie them into the town network. The previous contract was \$550 per month. The new contract would be \$800. This remains good value for our money. This is funded out of the Admin Budget, and there is sufficient budget to fund this increase, amounting to about \$1,000 for the remainder of the year.

**Motion to approve the contract update with AZ TechNet LLC, for the Town's Information Technology services made by Councilmember Armitage, second by Councilmember Lopez, motion carries.**

- E.** Discussion/Possible Selection of Project from the Superior Transportation Pavement Study to Advertise for Request for Proposal. The Town has adopted a plan to repay the inter-fund balance for first Excise and then HURF that requires expenditures toward these funds in excess of the revenues generated during that year. The Town has a balance sufficient to support these expenditures, with a combined un-encumbered balance in the bank in excess of \$1,000,000. Care should be taken to expend these funds in a metered way so as to maintain a healthy balance. The Transportation Pavement Study has provided a guideline for short term pavement projects. The Town has adopted procedures to begin paying down these balances. It will take several months to bid out a project and schedule a contractor. Mr. Pryor added that it is difficult to choose what street to do first when all of the streets are in such poor shape. The general feeling is the hump on Sunset Drive / Gomez is one of the worst streets in town. Stabilizing that road is important before it fails completely. Mr. Estatico stated he feels we need to get that street going and agrees with the plan that Mr. Pryor has presented. Councilmember Navarrette, will the slurry seal be sufficient to fix the street or will we be doing this again. Mr. Pryor assured that the slurry is a short-term fix that will last for at least 5 years. Sunset is a major access street for the Town and qualifies for federal funding. It will be major project. Councilmember Armitage asked if the Town Manager would give an explanation to everyone present, he explained it to me and it would make sense to others also, we are talking about a lot of money. Mr. Pryor went on to try to give the same explanation.

**Motion to approve the selection of project from the Superior Transportation Pavement Study of Sunset Drive to Panther from Hwy 177 to Mary Drive made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Navarrette, motion carries.**

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Sue Anderson, brief report on the recent Home Tour. It was attended by over 900 people. They were expecting a much larger crowd. The map app on i-phone was incorrect. It was taking people from the

valley down thru Florence and across the dirt road down thru Calvin up thru Riverside showing a 21/2 hr. each way to get here. She thanked the Town for opening the school, the council chambers and doing what they did up here. It was a good event and not one complaint about bathrooms.

Cathy Long, during the “coffee with the Chief” and it was very nice. This is the first time we have had a Chief that is involved with the community. He personally comes out and makes contacts with the business owners. He is knowledgeable about his job and cares about this community. As the town grows the police department will need to grow with it. To her she feels this is the best chief the Town has had.

Nancy Vogler, wanted to echo Cathy’s feelings, we are very lucky to have Chief Neuss he has so much enthusiasm it makes everyone else want to work harder. Also, wants to remind everyone about the Lost Festival this Saturday, 9:30-6:00. These are free guided hikes even though the Lost Committee had to pay the Forest Service a permit fee for having a free event. There will be history speakers throughout the day at the Senior Center.

Mr. Bustamante, resident of Mammoth. Brief comments, thank you for doing a good job. What a difference it is when you are taking care of the blight issue. He is currently running for a 2-year term for the Mammoth Town Council and he still employed with ASARCO. Just wanted to stop by and greet the council. Thank you for giving me time to speak.

Hank Gutierrez, statement of inclusion don’t under estimate how important that is for a community to have that registered with the Forest Service. As a member of the community work group the very first time we came across Forestry officially was not very nice. The national forest did not allow access to the Apache Leap. Most of us grew up with access to the Apache Leap. The way it was written is great. We as a community must be aggressive to make sure the National Forest does not close access to the Apache Leap to our community not for only us but for future generations. The way it is written is great.

### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Estatico-there are a couple of legislative items going on that have to do with education. A couple of items effect the schools so please look at them call your legislature because these will really affect our schools here in Arizona.

Vice Mayor Alonzo- he just wants to he just wants to echo what Mr. Gutierrez said the vision statement, we had a chance to review it and it seems like it doesn’t change so you did a great job but you the public entrust in us, as a Council to make these decisions where we can put something out like this on behalf of the community sometimes it is not a popular decision but you trust in us to make the right decision and we are doing everything we can to make it sound right.

Mayor- reminder it is the second Friday there will be a Treasure Hunting it should be lots of fun.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to move into executive session for 30 minutes with the Town Attorney, Town Manager and the Council made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Navarrette motion carries at 8:15 pm.**

**Motion to return to regular session was made by Councilmember Armitage, second by Vice Mayor Alonzo at 8:45 pm.**

Mayor Besich-Lira directed staff to move forward as discussed in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Lopez, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.**

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Regular Council Meeting, March 9, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting, March 2, 2017

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Mayor, Mila Besich-Lira

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Town Manager, Todd Pryor